



Dimitri Lascaris

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PROFILE

Dimitri Lascaris is a Siskinds partner and leader of Siskinds' Securities Class Actions Group. Before joining Siskinds, Mr. Lascaris practiced securities law in the New York and Paris offices of a major Wall Street law firm.

In August 2013, he was named by Canadian Business Magazine as one of the 50 most influential people in Canadian business, describing him as "the fiercest legal advocate for shareholder rights."

Mr. Lascaris is currently prosecuting numerous domestic and cross-border securities class actions, including the Imax Corporation Securities Litigation, which is the first case for which leave has been granted under Part XXIII.1 of the Ontario Securities Act, as well as the Sino-Forest Corporation Securities Litigation and the SNC-Lavalin Securities Litigation.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 1991

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING

- Dimitri Lascaris on BNN Discusses the OSC's Whistleblower Program
- The Tenuous Connection between Securities Class Actions and OSC Settlements
- Carriage Motions in Securities Class Actions: Restoring the Primacy of the "Primary Consideration"
- Co-Author, "Investment advisers must earn their keep" The Financial Post, November 2013
- Co-Author, "The Tenuous Connection between Securities Class Actions and OSC Settlements", Osgoode Professional Development, Managing, Mediating & Litigating Shareholder Disputes, December 2012

Dimitri Lascaris, Partner

- "Securities Class Actions After Timminco: Has the Court of Appeal Undone Part XXIII.1?" (2012), 52 C.B.L.J. 414, co-authored with Daniel Bach
- Author, Carriage Motions in Securities Class Actions: Restoring the Primacy of the "Primary Consideration" - June 2012
- Author, "Class Actions Update", Law Society of Upper Canada, Civil Litigation Summit, May 2012
- Author, "Carriage Motions in Securities Class Actions", Panel Member, Osgoode Professional Development, 9th National Symposium on Class Actions, April 2012
- Author, "The Canadian chapter of the book Shareholder Claims 1st ed." (UK: Jordan Publishing Limited, 2012), co-authored with Anthony O'Brien

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member of the Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London
- Board Member, Toronto 350.org
- Board Member, The Real News Network, an independent, internet-based news organization
- Past Member of Board of Directors, Pro Bono Law Ontario (2014 - 2016)
- Guest Lecturer at University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School

NOTABLE WORK & DECISIONS

Mr. Lascaris has been lead or co-lead counsel in the following class actions, among others:

- Sino-Forest Securities Litigation (C\$117 million partial settlement with Ernst & Young);
- FMF Capital Group Securities Litigation (C\$29 million settlement and corporate governance reform)
- Gildan Activewear Securities Litigation (US\$22.5 million settlement);
- Southwestern Resources Corp. Securities Litigation, the first case settled under Part XXIII.1 of the Ontario Securities Act (C\$15.5 million settlement);
- Arctic Glacier Securities Litigation (C\$13.75 million settlement);
- CP Ships Securities Litigation (C\$12.8 million settlement);
- PetroKazakhstan Securities Litigation, the first insider trading class action in Canada (C\$10 million settlement);
- Royal Group Technologies Securities Litigation (C\$9 million settlement);
- CV Technologies Securities Litigation (C\$7.1 million settlement);
- Research in Motion Derivative Stock Options Litigation, the first options-backdating case in Canada (C\$5 million settlement and corporate governance reform);
- Ensign Energy Services Derivative Stock Options Litigation (4.4 million settlement)

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Ontario Securities Commission Continuous Disclosure Advisory Committee
- Member of the Bar of the State of New York and the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York
- Member of The Advocates' Society

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Benchmark Canada ranking:

- Local Litigation Star (2012, 2013, 2014) - Ontario
- Litigation Star (2013, 2014) - Canada, Arbitration
- Litigation Star (2013, 2014) - Canada, Securities
- Litigation Star (2007) - Canada, Class Action

August 2014, Siskinds LLP was named as the top-ranked Canadian firm in the "SCAS 50." Siskinds ranked 16th overall in the a global ranking of the world's 50 leading securities class action law firms, the highest ranking ever attained by a Canadian firm. It is compiled annually by Securities Class Action Services, a unit of Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS). Siskinds was the first Canadian firm to rank in the top 50 and has been the top Canadian firm each year since 2010.

In Chambers & Partners 2014 rankings for Class Actions in Canada, Siskinds LLP's class actions group was the only "Band 1" firm identified by Chambers Global in that category.

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August 2012, Mr. Lascaris was named by Canadian Lawyer Magazine as one of the 25 most influential lawyers in Canada.